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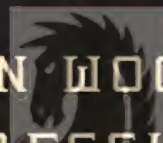
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WHEN PIRATES ATTACK AND BOARD THE *EUROPA*, the crew are forced to consider “spending” their precious cargo. They may save the ship, but will they doom the mission?

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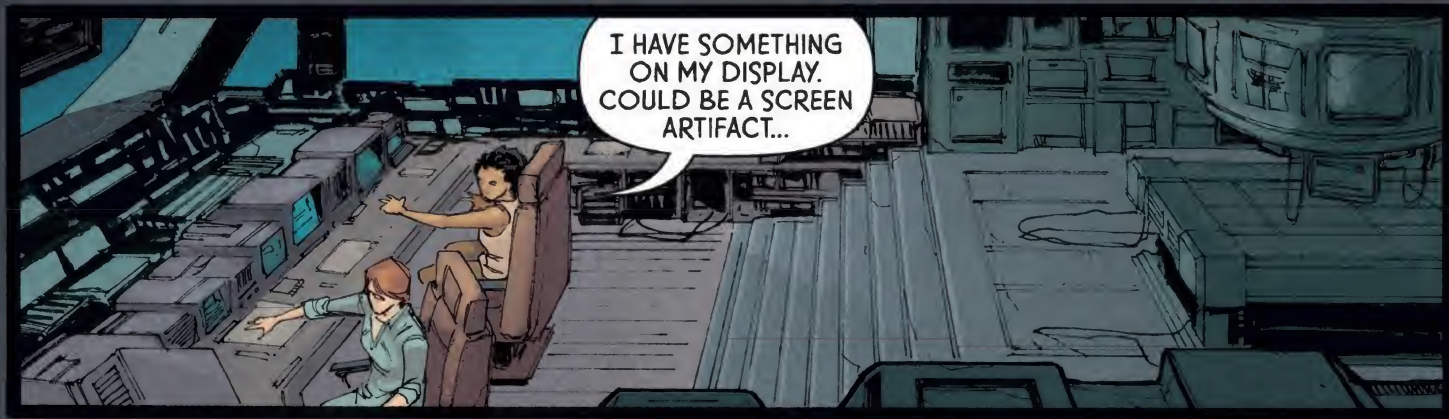












I HAVE SOMETHING  
ON MY DISPLAY.  
COULD BE A SCREEN  
ARTIFACT...



...COULD BE AN  
APPROACH.

WHERE?

FORTY-  
FIVE, FIVE,  
SEVENTEEN.



IT'S  
A SHIP.

NOTHING FROM  
ITS TRANSPONDER.  
BUT MAN, IT'S  
PACKED WITH HEAT  
SIGNATURES.  
HUMANOID.

I'M  
COMING  
BACK IN.



DON'T.

WHY?

CAN YOU  
GET TO THE  
WEAPONS LOCKER  
FROM THE DARK  
SIDE OF THE  
SHIP?



AFFIRMATIVE.

IF YOU  
THINK IT'S  
NECESSARY.





DO IT.  
WE'LL  
PREP THINGS  
HERE.

THE EUROPA'S SYSTEMS  
ARE SO COMPROMISED  
IT'S A MIRACLE WE GET  
ANY WARNING AT ALL.



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WE DO THE  
BEST WE CAN.

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PRIVATE  
HENDRICKS, THE  
SHIP HAS BEEN  
BREACHED. UNKNOWNNS  
MAY BE ATTEMPTING  
HOSTILE ACTION.

THANKS,  
COMPUTER.

MY  
RIFLE'S  
LOW.

SHOULD  
I ACTIVATE  
ANTIBOARDING  
PROTOCOL?



GO  
FOR IT.

...PROTOCOLS  
INOPERATIVE. SYSTEMS  
UNRESPONSIVE.

EUROPA'S  
A BIG SHIP.

THEY  
BROUGHT  
OXYGEN.

NO PRESSURE SUITS.  
I COULD EVACUATE  
THE ATMOSPHERE...

...NOT SURE  
I TRUST THE  
SHIP TO HOLD  
TOGETHER.

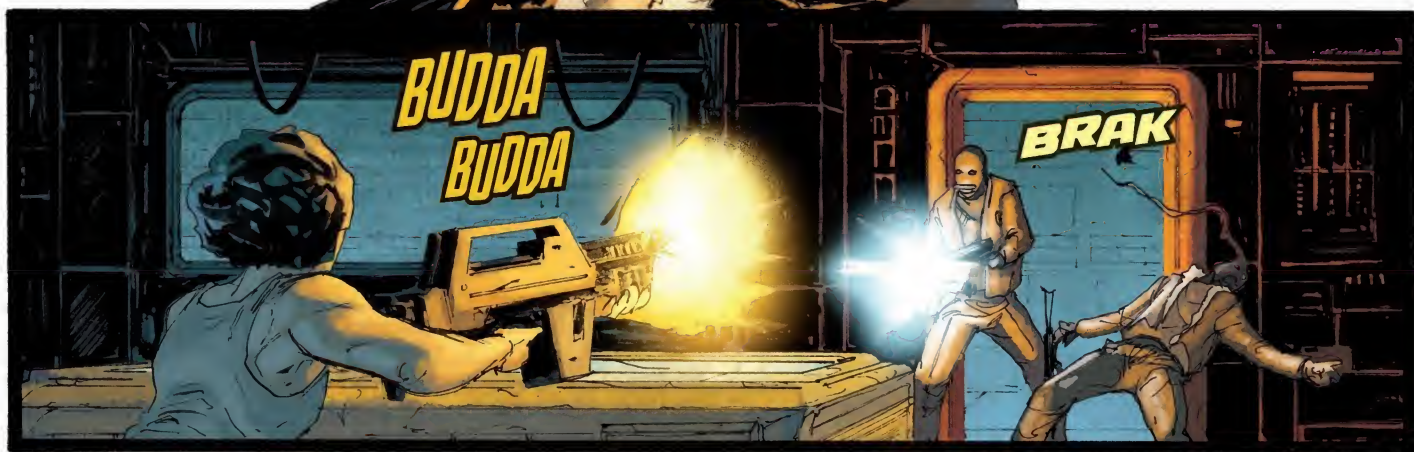
THEY'LL  
BE HEADING  
HERE, TO THE  
BRIDGE.

SHE WAS ALREADY  
A DERELICT WHEN  
WE FOUND HER...













I'M PRETTY MUCH IN CONSTANT PAIN THESE DAYS.

YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED AT THE VARIETY AND QUANTITY OF PAINKILLERS ASSIGNED TO A SHIP LIKE EUROPA.



I'VE TAKEN MOST OF THEM. THE PAIN GOES AWAY, BUT THE LOSS OF MOBILITY IS ALWAYS THERE.



YOUR BACK...LET ME DO IT.

MORE THAN SLIGHTLY WORSE FOR WEAR.

I CAN HELP.

THIS IS A COMBAT SITUATION. I SHOULD BE THINKING ABOUT DAVIS. ABOUT THE INTEGRITY OF THE SHIP. OF THE MISSION. OF OUR CARGO.



BUT I'M THINKING ABOUT DR. YANG.

I'M THINKING ABOUT A SENSORY-NEUTRAL THERAPY BED IN HER OFFICE, AN OPIOID DRIP, A FAT DOSE OF NANOTHERAPY, AND A SPINAL COLUMN THAT ALLOWS ME TO WALK LIKE A NORMAL PERSON AGAIN.

I'M THINKING ABOUT GOING BACK TO EARTH. BASICALLY, IT'S ALL I THINK ABOUT.

DON'T TELL DAVIS.















"WE CAN'T  
WIN THIS."



MAYBE  
WE CAN.

YOU KNOW  
SOMETHING  
I DON'T?

AM I  
SELFISH?

WE WERE OUTNUMBERED AT  
THE START OF THIS. NOW IT'S  
JUST GETTING RIDICULOUS.



SO LET'S GO THROUGH IT. DR. YANG'S  
ASSURED ME OF SAFE PASSAGE THROUGH  
LUNA AIRSPACE AND ON TO EARTH, AND  
IMMUNITY IN EXCHANGE FOR OUR CARGO.

I TOOK A DEAL.  
IT'LL GET YOU  
HOME SAFE.

MAYBE  
THAT'S ALL  
THAT REALLY  
MATTERS.

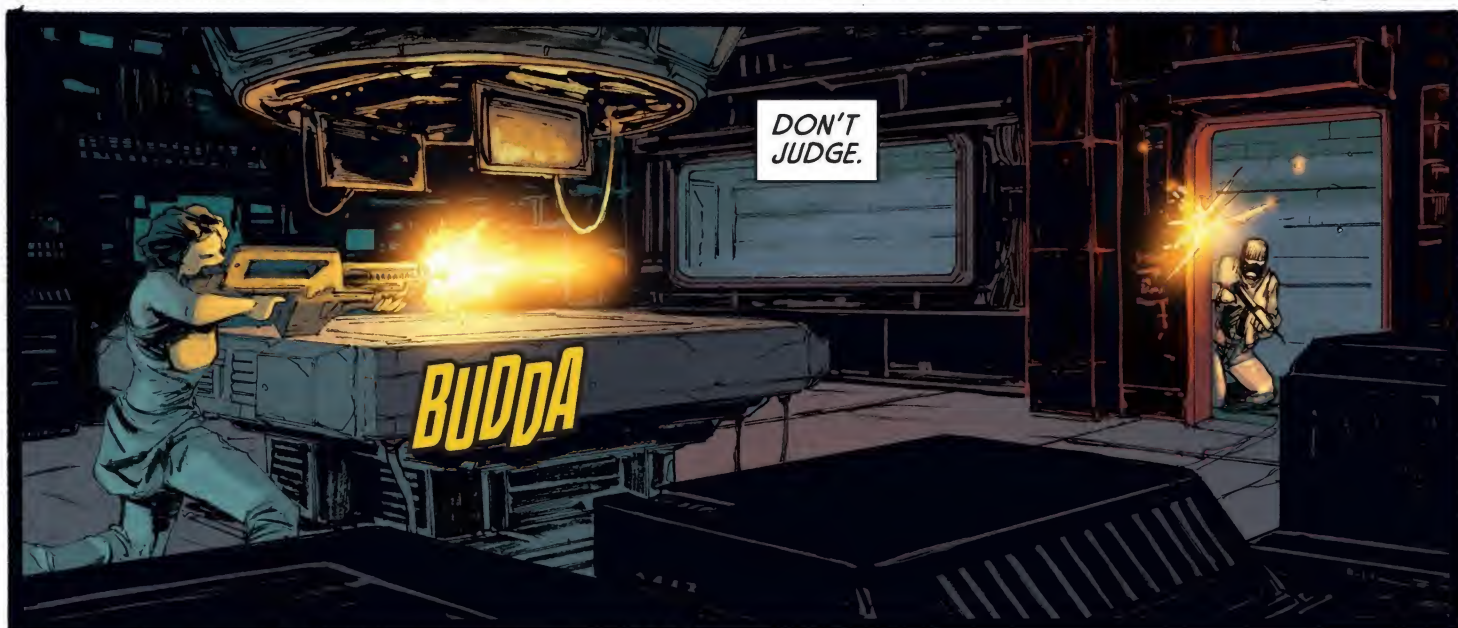
THE  
ALIEN--?



"OPEN  
TO IDEAS,  
HOLLIS."

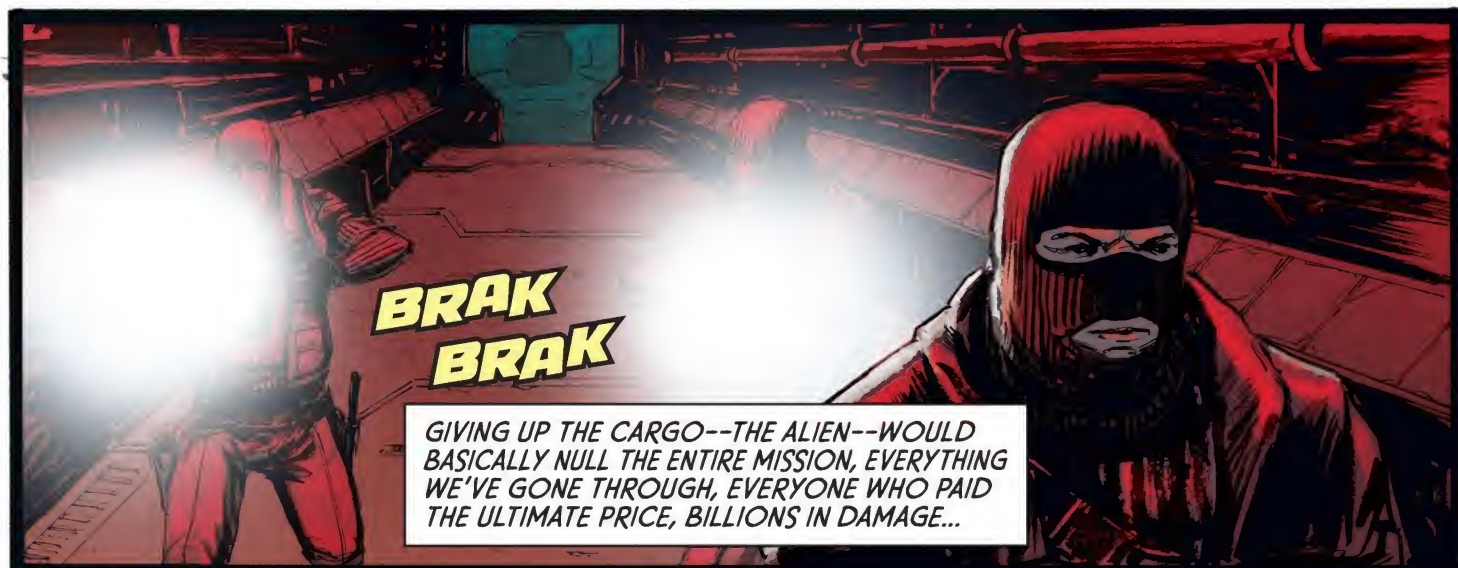
FIRST, WE HAVE  
TO GET RID OF  
THESE PIRATES.





DON'T  
JUDGE.

**BUDDA**



**BRAK  
BRAK**

GIVING UP THE CARGO--THE ALIEN--WOULD  
BASICALLY NULL THE ENTIRE MISSION, EVERYTHING  
WE'VE GONE THROUGH, EVERYONE WHO PAID  
THE ULTIMATE PRICE, BILLIONS IN DAMAGE...



I MIGHT  
HAVE AN  
IDEA!





SUCKING  
IT UP AND  
HEADING  
BACK TO  
EARTH  
ISN'T THE  
PROBLEM.

IT'S THE ALIEN.  
AFTER ALL WE'VE  
BEEN THROUGH...



...HOW CAN  
WE JUST HAND  
IT OVER?

WE CAN'T.  
SO WE  
WON'T.



"LET'S *USE*  
IT, ZULA.

"LET IT OUT OF THE  
CRYOROOM. LET IT  
TEAR THESE PIRATES  
TO PIECES. WITH  
ANY LUCK IT'LL BE  
MORTALLY WOUNDED  
IN THE PROCESS."

**BRAKA**



WHILE WE LAY  
IN A COURSE  
FOR EARTH...



...AND HOLD  
ON TIGHT.

DAVIS?



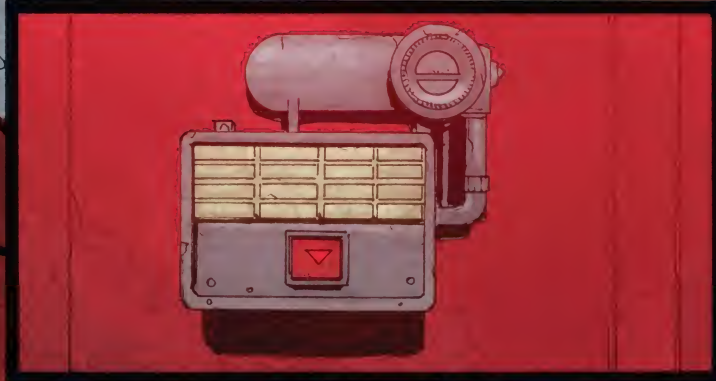


FIND A PLACE  
TO LIE LOW AND  
KEEP QUIET.



THE  
REST OF  
YOU...

...YOU  
WON'T DIE  
PRETTY, BUT  
I PROMISE  
YOU IT'LL BE  
QUICK.











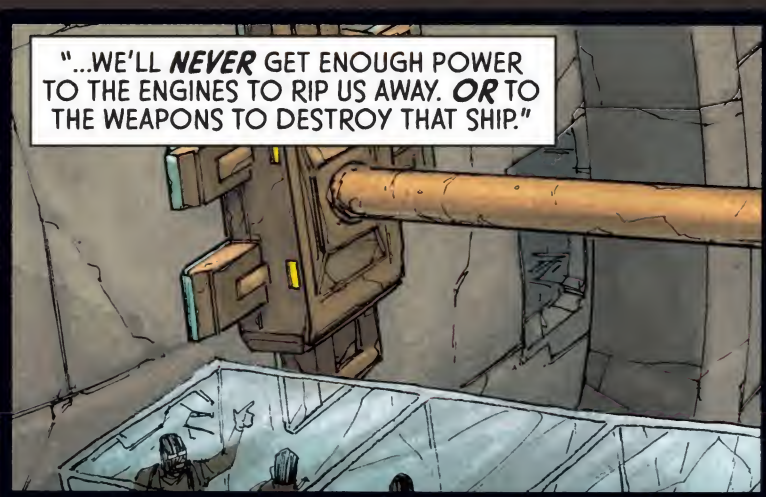
"SHUT THE  
MONITORS  
OFF."





WE HAVE TO  
DETACH FROM  
THIS SHIP.

THE AIRLOCK  
TUBE IS NO PROBLEM.  
BUT THE TETHERS ARE  
ELECTROMAGNETIC  
DAMPERS. AS LONG AS  
THEY'RE IN CONTACT  
WITH THE HULL...



"...WE'LL **NEVER** GET ENOUGH POWER  
TO THE ENGINES TO RIP US AWAY. **OR** TO  
THE WEAPONS TO DESTROY THAT SHIP."



WHAT ABOUT  
THRUSTERS?

THOSE  
WORK.



GIVE ME  
FULL POWER ON  
AFT STARBOARD  
THRUSTERS.  
ONLY THOSE,  
A SUSTAINED  
BURST.



BRING  
OUR TAIL  
AROUND.

WHY--?

I'M  
GONNA WHIP  
THOSE BASTARDS  
STRAIGHT INTO  
THAT ASTEROID.







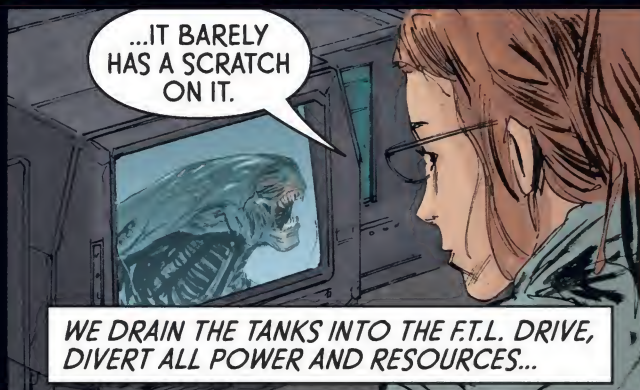
"FULL  
POWER!"







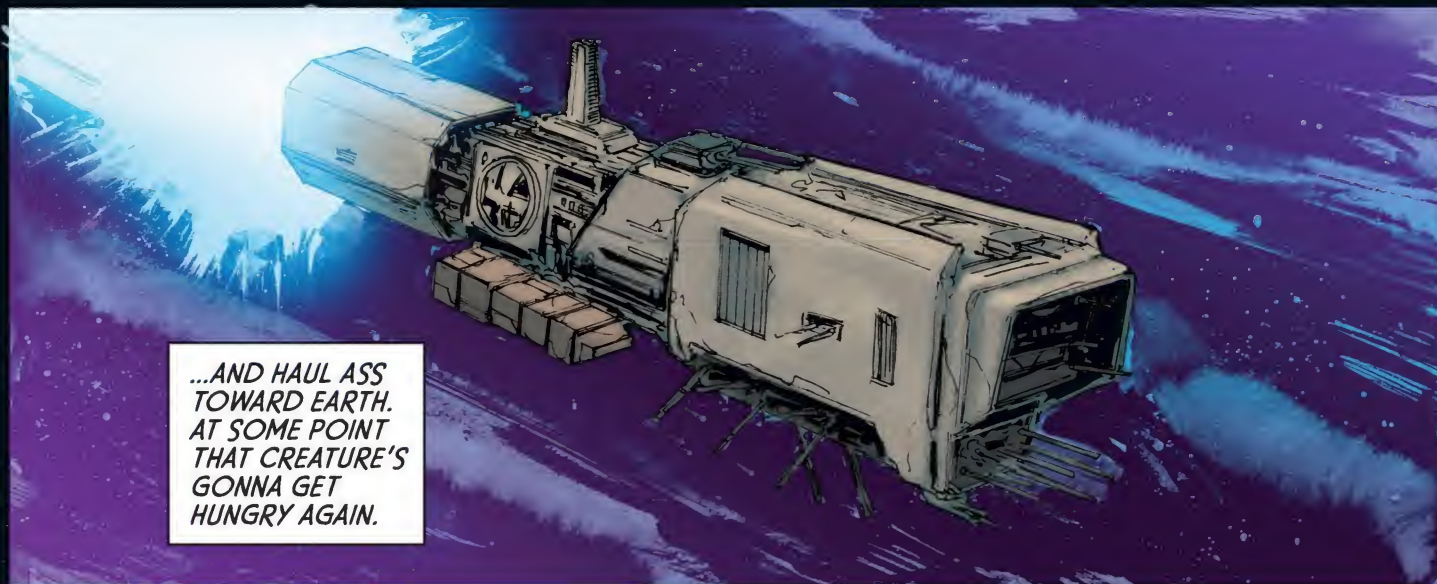
"THAT THING'S  
NOT A BABY  
ANYMORE.  
CHRIST, ZULA..."



...IT BARELY  
HAS A SCRATCH  
ON IT.

WE DRAIN THE TANKS INTO THE F.T.L. DRIVE,  
DIVERT ALL POWER AND RESOURCES...





...AND HAUL ASS  
TOWARD EARTH.  
AT SOME POINT  
THAT CREATURE'S  
GONNA GET  
HUNGRY AGAIN.



WE HAVE UNTIL  
THEN TO FIGURE  
OUT A PLAN.



I'M OPTIMISTIC.

TO BE CONTINUED